

Attorney's Docket No. 024916-2006

REAL TERM 1600/2900

## THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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) Group Art Unit: 1653
) Examiner: A. Gupta
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## AMENDMENT AND REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is an .	Amendment a	nd Reply	for the	above-	identified	patent a	application.

[X]	A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
[]	A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for [ ] \$55.00 (248) [ ] \$110.00 (148) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
[]	Also enclosed is
[]	Small entity status is hereby claimed.
[]	Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [] \$370.00 (279) [] \$740.00 (179) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
	[ ] Applicant(s) previously submitted, on, for which continued examination is requested.
[]	Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least _, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
[]	A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.
r 1	No additional claim fee is required.

[ ] An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

		AMENDED	Ç L A I M S		
	No. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims	74	MINUS 28 =	46	× \$18.00 (103) =	\$828.00
Independent Claims	9	MINUS 8 =	1	× \$84.00 (102) =	\$84.00
If Amendment adds mu	ltiple depende	ent claims, add \$280	.00 (104)		
Total Amendment Fee					\$912.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					\$456.00
TOTAL ADDITIONA	L FEE DUE	FOR THIS AMEN	DMENT		\$456.00

- [ ] A claim fee in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
- [X] Charge \$ 456.00 to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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